

Clinton Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
March 25, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

All Board members answered roll call – Trustee Dan Schmitz, Trustee Jim Distel, Trustee Randy Kuhn, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Bates.

Guests: Steve Welter, Chris Hafley, Ray Bishop, Dennis Kingseed, and Rob Chappel Tiffin Fire Chief

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 11, 2024 were read and approved.

Correspondence: OTARMA – Legal Defense’s claim payment agreement and government property agreement and cyber security coverage and vehicle coverage agreement. Seneca conservation district sent a letter that our property or a portion of it is taxed for drainage with in the crum tile. They had a group meeting last July and want to hold a meeting with the engineer’s office to get more input from land owners and officials to discuss maintenance for this tile. They will be holding a meeting on 3/16/24. Driveway permit to approve. Star Ohio,

where we have an investment, is asking for updated contact information. We need to add Steve to the account. They are requiring two signatures. Same thing for OTARMA asking for us to update contact information that is currently Jennifer your going to have to appoint Steve or someone.

Zoning Inspector Steve Welter reports that he met with Charlene Watkins of Seneca Reginal Planning. She is able to download our zoning map on some generic program and able to make changes to update the map. He said he doesn’t think she is able to make changes to the auditors’ site. So he is holding off on that for now. He is not sure if she is indicating that Reginal Planning can house our zoning map. Inspector Welter did a shed permit for someone on Crestview Drive, a fence permit for someone on Twp Rd 159. He also received the conditional use application for Mr. Gibson/Tille’s. There is meeting schedule for 4/22/24 7:00 pm. Steve also said he attended the Seneca County Township association meeting. He picked up our packed from the county that had several requests in it. One if we would like them to do our driveway permits, along with a form for how much road salt we want to purchase. Also a form for road proposals, and a form for the blue road signs. Steve also reported that he receive another variance request from a Joseph Bowman for the house trailer on county road 50. Apparently the house trailer has been there for a long time. She said that she thought the house trailer was grandfathered. Steve called the health department and the health department said that they had a permit for the house trailer. Trustee Schmitz asked when the permit was issued. Zoning Inspector Welter said the Health Department said 1971. Inspector Welter told her that they would have to do a variance anyway because she wants to put an addition on to it along with a handicap ramp. That meeting is scheduled for 4/25/24. Inspector Welter also reported he got an email form a Kerry Beem from an Aldridge asking if there were any environmental permit requirements for utility line work. Inspector Welter said he emailed her back that he did not know of any. Inspector Welter reported that Jeff Hohman did call him asking about the zoning position. He asked when the meetings were and he let know when the township holds meetings. He asked about coming early to talk about the position. He said he thought he might come to tonights meeting but he is not here. He said he was going to read over the zoning book that was online and get back to him with questions.

Fire Chief Chris Hafley reports that the issue with the open burning with Jeff Bish and Carl Perry is still ongoing on N SR 53. The department was dispatched and a fire was put out and Mr. Perry was given a warning. Mr Bish then contacted the EPA. Mr. Perry receive a letter from the EPA telling him he can’t burn there if he does it again he will be fined. Chief Hafley said they had to make it clear that he was burning with in 1000 feet of a structure which is not allowed under open burning.

Chief Hafley reported that they are preparing for the solar eclipse. They are going to start manning the stations from 12:30 Sunday to midnight Monday night.

Chief Hafley reported that four people had contacted him about joining the department. Unfortunately none of them live in Clinton Township.

Chief Hafley reported that they met with Eden Township and he said they are very interested in us covering the northern side of Eden Township for Fire. He said he was going to ask our guys if they are interested if not he would stop it now. Bloomville is talking about coming more to the west. Chief Hafley reported that they appreciate the new battery in grass fire and the antique.

Inspector Welter reported that he had a couple of people contact him about an individual doing open burning on the corner of county road 36 and township road 15. Keith Brickner called and said he also talked to Matt Gooding who said a lot of trash is blowing into his field. Matt Vanhorn also called and reported that he is burning boxes in the evenings. He said that he has pallets and junk sitting around. Inspector Welter told them if he is burning to call 911 and have the fire department dispatched they will put it out and warn him about the open burning laws. Inspector Welter also said that he should contact the trustees about the trash around his house. Trustee Schmitz's commented he did get a call. Chief Hafley said he would also fall under the 1000 feet category for open burning.

Fire Chief Rob Chapel reported on what Tiffin Fire is doing for the eclipse. Through the weekend they are not expecting a big influx of people over the weekend. Several of the camping sites like Seneca County Fair Grounds, Attica Fair grounds only had a couple of reservations so they are basically canceling camping. Several private property owners that were going to rent out spacing are also canceling. Tiffin Fire is going to leave staffing at 9 for the weekend. Monday they will have 12 on staff. They are going to also staff two ambulances with 3 staff each. One at the City Parks department and one at the Willows for the day. They will have good access to 101 for Clinton Township and the 224 corridor. If 224 gets baked up they will move an ambulance to county road 36 to be able to cover all areas. Chief Chapel said he will be in the emergency operations center that day. EMA director John Spar will have access to the ways technology for traffic patterns.

Chief Hafley said that Clinton for that day will be staffed from 6 to noon with 5 people and then from noon to 6 we will be staffed with another 5. No 2 Station has a couple of people scheduled and they still have a couple of slots to fill. He said one of his main concerns is to be able to get people here and get the apparatus going. He also said that he forgot to mention that we will be approved on April 8<sup>th</sup> by the Ohio Department of public safety that we will be approved as an EMS CE training site. We will be able to offer our own CE to our people with out having to go through another entity.

Ray Bishop wanted to thank Jennifer for all she has done for the township.

Dennis Kingseed thanked the board for selling the grader and purchasing the salt spreader. He said he thought those were smart moves. He said that you are moving the township forward. He also said his neighbor on Lelfler had not done anything. He has brush piled up on his side.

Trustee Kuhn reported that he talked to Mr. Snook about water run-off. He also stopped and talked to the lady on Tr 159 and she was going to have that trimmed up when the weather gets reasonable.

Trustee Schmitz reported that he did take phone call about the county road 36 and 15. He said he saw a car there that he was not sure if it was licensed or not. He also took a call from a resident on 155 we need to do something about a pill of yard debris on the neighbor's property. He also talked to Renee Miller Seneca county reutilization about the property on 3765 Twp Rd 122 it is scheduled for demolition this summer. They are working on getting people to retrieve the vans and stuff off the property. Trustee Schmidt's reported that the tile on Township road 159 is repaired.

Trustee Distel reported that the moore grant was increased to \$1000.00 from 500. We also have a fire grant for 1000.00 that we should take advantage of. He also said that Turco's would have the new dumpster her by the first of the month and it is here already. He said he would call and cancel our current dumpster with Rumpke.

Trustee Distel made a motion to put Steve Welter on the public records committee as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and as a OTARMA contact. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Schmitz Yes, Distel Yes, Kuhn Yes

Trustee Distel reported that he reached out to Denny Baugher about the Mastermind he said he threw it away. Trustee Distel reported that the fuel tanks are full. The Fuel company did not see a problem for the eclipse. The COG did get dissolved. It was before the justice center. One of the first things the council of governments did was the study for the Justice Center, school grants, safe routes to school and the broadband study. Currently there is about \$19,000 left in that account and when this is all done and over that money will be sent to the Ohio Department of Education. Trustee Distel reported that out at the NCOSE there are a bunch of boards that are doing what the COG was doing.

Trustee Distel made a motion to add Steve Welter as a contact for the Star Ohio Account and Jim Distel as an alternate. Trustee Schmitz seconded. Schmitz Yes, Distel Yes Kuhn Yes.

Trustee Distel asked if we had any of the American Rescue Money left. Fiscal Officer Bates said no.

Trustee Kuhn made a motion to add Steve Welter to the Old Fort Bank Accounts. Trustee Distel Seconded. Schmitz Yes, Distel Yes, Kuhn Yes.

Bills were presented to be paid:

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| 18-2024 | Treasure of State of Ohio          | \$137.94   |
| 19-2024 | Ohio Deferred Compensation         | \$920.00   |
| 21-2024 | EFTPS                              | \$1,262.09 |
| 22-2024 | Ohio Public Employees Retirement   | \$2380.95  |
| 23-2024 | Ohio Public Employees Retirement   | \$11.51    |
| 13229   | Christoper J Halfley               | \$326.83   |
| 13230   | Andrew W Kimmet                    | \$1,361.81 |
| 13231   | James Lang                         | \$204.57   |
| 13232   | Stephen Welter                     | \$242.40   |
| 13233   | Dennis Wilkinson                   | \$67.50    |
| 13234   | Aqua Oh                            | \$14.80    |
| 13235   | Columbia Gas                       | \$92.91    |
| 13236   | Delta Dental                       | \$27.96    |
| 13237   | Tiffin Seneca Economic Partnership | \$100.00   |
| 13238   | John's Welding & Towing            | \$11.40    |
| 13239   | Municipal Emergency Services       | \$455.65   |
| 13240   | Heidelberg Materials               | \$86.65    |
| 13241   | DT Petroleum Service               | \$521.95   |
| 13242   | Carquest                           | \$32.44    |
| 13243   | Treasure State of Ohio             | \$150.00   |
| 13244   | Colonial Life                      | \$104.40   |
| 13245   | Column Software PBC                | \$71.64    |
| 13246   | American Fire and Safty            | \$539.00   |
| 13247   | Seneca County EMA                  | \$610.00   |

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Trustee Distel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz – yes, Mr. Distel – yes, Mr. Kuhn – yes.

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Jim Distel, Ch., Trustee

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Dan Schmitz, Trustee

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Randy Kuhn, Trustee

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Stephen Welter, Fiscal Officer